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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY JUNE 1987				REVISED MAY 1987				REVISED JUNE 1986			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,950.0	1,730.8	219.2	11.2	1,935.4	1,716.0	219.4	11.3	2,006.9	1,726.9	280.0	14.0
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.9	56.3	5.6	9.1	61.1	55.4	5.7	9.4	61.4	54.4	7.0	11.3
Baton Rouge 2/	263.5	238.1	25.4	9.7	261.1	237.0	24.1	9.2	264.5	233.9	30.6	11.6
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	72.3	61.7	10.6	14.6	73.2	61.7	11.5	15.7	78.0	63.6	14.4	18.5
Lafayette 4/	101.3	89.3	12.0	11.8	100.3	87.9	12.4	12.4	109.2	92.4	16.8	15.4
Lake Charles 5/	77.4	67.6	9.8	12.7	75.0	65.7	9.3	12.4	76.6	64.9	11.7	15.3
Monroe 6/	69.8	63.2	6.6	9.4	67.4	60.9	6.5	9.6	70.9	63.5	7.4	10.4
New Orleans 7/	595.9	539.8	56.1	9.4	590.7	534.2	56.5	9.6	612.9	543.2	69.7	11.4
Shreveport 8/	164.3	147.7	16.6	10.1	164.3	147.5	16.8	10.2	170.9	150.3	20.6	12.1

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,489,300 for June, a decrease of 2,000 workers from May's revised level of 1,491,300 and 28,900 below the comparable period a year ago. Several nonmanufacturing segments were responsible for the state's nonagricultural employment decline in June. Manufacturing payrolls were up due to higher employment for both the durable and nondurable goods segments.

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Durable goods employment, at 74,700, was 500 above the May revised figure and 2,500 above May a year ago. An increase in activity at sawmills and planing mills and increased production of millwork, plywood and structural members contributed to the upturn in the lumber and wood products industry. More demand for concrete, gypsum and plaster products accounted for the increase in stone, clay and glass products payrolls.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing increased by 1,500 workers from May's level. The most significant factor in this month's increase was a seasonal advance in food and kindred products due to increased activity in seafood canning.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during June was 1,321,100, down 4,000 from the May revised level. Mining payrolls were up by 400 employees for June. Construction increased by 400 due to hiring in the heavy construction segment. More business for the state's ports was largely responsible for the upturn in transportation and public utilities. Trade employment for June was up as both the wholesale and retail segments experienced increases. An increase in banking payrolls was instrumental in the higher level of employment of finance, insurance and real estate. Decreases in education were especially significant in the drop in services employment. Government employment in June was down mostly due to decreases in state education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings for Louisiana's 121,100 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $454.78 in May to $450.53 in June, a decrease of $4.25 but an increase of $11.28 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were five cents lower in June than last month and $0.22 more than June a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 41.6 for the current month, down by 0.2 hours from May's revised figure.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for June totaled 219,200, a decrease of 200 from the May level of 219,400. The unemployment rate for June was 11.2 percent, compared to 11.3 percent for May and 14.0 percent for June 1986. The national unemployment rate for June was 6.3 percent compared to 6.1 percent in May and 7.3 percent for June of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,935,400 in May to 1,950,000 in June, an increase of 14,600. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,716,000 in May to 1,730,800 in June, a gain of 14,800.

Louisiana's unemployment rate should experience a decline during the next few months. Certain segments of nonmanufacturing, such as trade and construction, may show some growth over the next two or three months. Government employment is expected to fall in July.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change from May 1987	Net Change from June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,489.3	1,491.3	1,518.2	- 2.0	-28.9
MINING	59.0	58.6	60.6	+ 0.4	- 1.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	56.3	55.8	57.6	+ 0.5	- 1.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.8	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	84.4	84.0	89.2	+ 0.4	- 4.8
MANUFACTURING	168.2	166.2	166.4	+ 2.0	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	74.7	74.2	72.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.1	11.9	12.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.2	6.0	6.2	+ 0.2	0
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	12.2	12.1	12.9	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.5	8.6	8.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.6	7.6	7.7	0	- 0.1
Transportation Equipment	22.1	22.0	19.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	93.5	92.0	94.2	+ 1.5	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	21.2	20.1	21.5	+ 1.1	- 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.1	8.1	7.7	0	+ 0.4
Paper & Allied Products	11.9	11.8	12.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.9	9.7	10.1	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.2	25.2	26.1	0	- 0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.6	12.6	12.4	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.7	11.7	11.5	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	106.9	105.3	105.7	+ 1.6	+ 1.2
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.7	0	- 0.3
Transportation, ex. Railroads	59.9	58.8	60.1	+ 1.1	- 0.2
Water Transportation	24.5	23.4	24.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.4
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.6	41.1	39.9	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.3	18.4	18.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.3	22.7	21.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	358.6	356.2	372.6	+ 2.4	-14.0
Wholesale Trade	80.4	79.7	86.0	+ 0.7	- 5.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.6	43.6	49.3	0	- 5.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.8	36.1	36.7	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	278.2	276.5	286.6	+ 1.7	- 8.4
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.1	57.1	58.8	0	- 1.7
Food Stores	56.9	56.7	55.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.5	29.0	31.4	+ 0.5	- 1.9
Eating & Drinking Places	83.0	82.4	87.6	+ 0.6	- 4.6
Other Retail Trade	51.7	51.3	53.5	+ 0.4	- 1.8

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change from May 1987	Net Change from June 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	85.1	84.8	86.5	+ 0.3	- 1.4
Banking	25.9	25.7	27.1	+ 0.2	- 1.2
SERVICES	314.8	317.2	317.8	- 2.4	- 3.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.0	23.6	22.6	- 0.6	+ 0.4
Personal Services	14.7	15.0	14.5	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Business Services	54.2	53.8	55.5	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.7	9.9	0	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.7	6.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.8	9.5	10.7	+ 0.3	- 0.9
Health Services	97.4	96.7	96.5	+ 0.7	+ 0.9
Legal Services	15.6	15.0	14.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
Educational Services	17.5	20.6	19.3	- 3.1	- 1.8
Social Services	18.1	18.6	18.6	- 0.5	- 0.5
Membership Organizations	25.5	25.5	26.3	0	- 0.8
Miscellaneous Services	16.6	16.5	16.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	312.3	319.0	319.4	- 6.7	- 7.1
Federal	36.7	36.4	36.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
State and Local	275.6	282.6	283.1	- 7.0	- 7.5
State	92.7	100.1	95.9	- 7.4	- 3.2
Local	182.9	182.5	187.2	+ 0.4	- 4.3

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$450.53	$454.78	$439.25	41.6	41.8	41.4	$10.83	$10.88	$10.61
Durable Goods	394.30	392.45	390.02	40.4	40.5	40.5	9.76	9.69	9.63
Lumber & Wood Products	352.46	347.96	327.33	43.3	42.8	42.4	8.14	8.13	7.72
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	328.52	341.38	351.51	38.2	40.4	38.5	8.60	8.45	9.13
Fabricated Metal Products	415.53	420.71	422.15	44.2	44.9	42.3	9.38	9.37	9.98
Machinery, ex. Electrical	430.15	401.74	386.07	46.3	43.2	40.3	9.71	9.52	9.58
Electric & Electronic Equip.	438.80	421.65	475.43	37.8	35.0	40.6	12.40	12.03	11.71
Transportation Equipment	406.25	426.21	428.28	37.1	38.6	39.4	10.95	10.99	10.87
Nondurable Goods	500.44	511.27	482.35	42.1	43.0	42.2	11.72	11.89	11.43
Food & Kindred Products	305.36	313.47	292.82	39.3	38.7	39.2	7.77	8.10	7.47
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	221.39	203.20	195.84	40.4	37.7	36.0	5.48	5.39	5.44
Paper & Allied Products	593.92	610.60	606.60	43.1	44.7	45.0	13.78	13.66	13.48
Printing & Publishing	390.22	377.19	383.90	39.1	38.1	37.6	9.98	9.90	10.21
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	691.56	730.66	665.23	45.2	47.6	45.1	15.30	15.35	14.75
Petroleum & Coal Products	688.75	683.20	673.52	46.6	46.1	46.1	14.78	14.82	14.61
Petroleum Refining	703.40	693.34	689.83	46.8	46.1	46.8	15.03	15.04	14.74
MINING	582.00	568.09	546.83	48.5	47.9	47.1	12.00	11.86	11.61
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	508.26	513.22	533.54	39.4	39.6	41.2	12.90	12.96	12.95
BANKING	254.79	255.46	271.62	38.2	38.3	40.3	6.67	6.67	6.74

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 121,100 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 93,000 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 06 87				REVISED 05 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,825	20,200	3,625	15.2	23,725	20,050	3,675	15.5
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,475	8,250	1,225	13.0	9,475	8,250	1,225	13.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,800	5,150	1,650	24.3	7,000	5,275	1,725	24.5
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,325	13,500	2,825	17.3	16,275	13,500	2,775	17.1
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,200	12,475	1,725	12.2	14,000	12,350	1,650	11.8
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,600	5,850	750	11.2	6,625	5,875	750	11.4
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,500	3,875	625	13.7	4,500	3,850	650	14.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,600	4,175	425	9.2	4,625	4,150	475	10.1
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,700	3,850	850	18.1	4,675	3,800	875	18.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,750	6,950	800	10.2	7,675	6,900	775	10.2
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,250	8,775	1,475	14.3	10,275	8,675	1,600	15.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,975	11,500	1,475	11.3	12,925	11,425	1,500	11.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,550	3,625	925	20.4	4,550	3,575	975	21.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,725	7,800	925	10.6	8,675	7,775	900	10.4
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,950	11,800	2,150	15.5	13,875	11,775	2,100	15.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,550	7,275	1,275	14.8	8,450	7,150	1,300	15.4
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,450	5,675	775	12.2	6,550	5,725	825	12.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	28,175	22,875	5,300	18.8	28,150	22,800	5,350	19.0
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,225	10,225	2,000	16.3	12,125	10,275	1,850	15.3
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,275	6,625	650	9.1	7,225	6,575	650	9.0
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,325	11,400	1,925	14.5	13,150	11,275	1,875	14.2
JENA (LASALLE)	6,800	6,025	775	11.6	6,825	5,975	850	12.4
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,200	16,325	875	5.1	18,375	17,450	925	5.0
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,050	5,075	975	16.2	5,875	5,050	825	14.1
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,550	10,975	1,575	12.6	12,400	10,775	1,625	13.0
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,275	15,650	1,625	9.4	17,350	15,650	1,700	9.7
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,675	8,500	1,175	12.3	9,725	8,475	1,250	12.9
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,900	6,475	1,425	18.1	7,850	6,525	1,325	16.8
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,425	3,975	450	9.9	4,375	3,950	425	9.7
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,825	7,625	1,200	13.7	8,725	7,500	1,225	14.0
MANY (SABINE)	10,025	9,050	975	9.7	9,875	8,900	975	9.9
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,025	2,600	425	14.0	3,000	2,600	400	13.3
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,625	7,275	1,350	15.7	8,550	7,250	1,300	15.2
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,850	28,750	6,100	17.5	34,400	28,500	5,900	17.2
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	26,200	20,900	5,300	20.2	26,200	20,675	5,525	21.1
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,700	34,375	5,325	13.4	39,600	34,475	5,125	13.0
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,550	3,200	350	9.7	3,525	3,150	375	10.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,375	7,400	975	11.5	8,425	7,375	1,050	12.4
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,300	17,550	3,750	17.6	21,175	17,350	3,825	18.1
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,600	17,925	1,675	8.5	19,325	17,650	1,675	8.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,525	16,275	2,250	12.1	18,250	16,125	2,125	11.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,975	16,500	2,475	13.0	19,000	16,500	2,500	13.1
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,875	3,825	1,050	21.4	5,000	3,800	1,200	24.1
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,225	3,800	425	9.9	4,175	3,775	400	9.5
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,825	5,200	625	10.7	5,775	5,200	575	10.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.1	46.1	45.6	0	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.1	11.0	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.9	8.8	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.1	11.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.7	12.6	0	+ 0.1
Federal	2.8	2.7	2.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	9.9	10.0	10.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
State	4.9	4.8	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Local	5.0	5.2	5.0	- 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 46,100 for the month of June. This estimate was the same as May and 300 more than June of last year.

Employment in manufacturing during June was estimated at 3,400. This was unchanged since the previous month and 100 more than June of last year. The increase since this month last year was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,700 during June. This estimate was unchanged since May and 400 more than June of last year. Although the total nonagricultural employment was unchanged since last month, there were some slight changes. Slight gains were recorded in retail trade, federal and state government and with losses occurring in services and local government. Compared to last June changes have occurred in all major segments of nonmanufacturing with the exception of mining and transportation and public utilities.

During the next thirty days, the number of employed is expected to decrease slightly, with a corresponding rise in the number of unemployed.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	211.2	213.4	211.1	- 2.2	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	19.0	18.7	19.1	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Durable Goods	4.2	4.1	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.6	15.1	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.3	10.2	10.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.1	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	19.7	20.2	19.3	- 0.5	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	10.6	10.5	10.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.5	52.4	52.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	11.3	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.8	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	41.4	41.3	40.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.4	13.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Banking	3.9	3.9	4.3	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	42.2	41.9	41.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	52.7	55.3	53.8	- 2.6	- 1.1
Federal	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	50.4	53.1	51.5	- 2.7	- 1.1
State	29.0	31.8	29.7	- 2.8	- 0.7
Local	21.4	21.3	21.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$526.18	$520.00	$522.08	42.4	41.6	41.8	$12.41	$12.50	$12.49
Petro-Chemicals	696.85	692.29	720.54	46.8	46.4	48.1	14.89	14.92	14.98

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 211,200 during June was down 2,200 from the revised May estimate. Manufacturing was up 300 and nonmanufacturing was down 2,500.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,000 in June, was up during the current period. Durable goods increased 100 due to more business in sawmills and planing mills and in millwork, veneer, plywood, and structural wood members manufacturing. Nondurable goods rose due to more business in industrial organic chemicals and in miscellaneous products of petroleum and coal.

Nonmanufacturing employment was down during the current period. Mining showed no change. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings and in miscellaneous special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities showed an increase due to more business in services incidental to water transportation. Wholesale trade showed no change while retail trade was up due to more business in grocery stores. Employment in finance, insurance, and real estate rose due to more business in accident and health insurance and medical service plans and in real estate operators (except developers) and lessors. Services were up due to seasonal increases in amusement and recreation services, and more business in nursing and personal care facilities, hospitals, outpatient care facilities, and legal services. Government was down due to seasonal decreases in colleges, universities, professional schools, and junior colleges.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,600 production workers in all manufacturing was $526.16, up $6.18 from the revised May average. Average weekly hours at 42.4 were up 0.8 hours and average hourly earnings at $12.41 were down nine cents per hour. More overtime worked by lower paid employees contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 238,100 during June, up 1,100 from May's revised total. Unemployment, at 25,400, was up 1,300 during the current period. The unemployment rate for June was 9.7 percent compared to 9.2 percent for May and 11.6 percent for June a year ago. The comparable state rate for June was 11.2 percent. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 263,500 during the current period.

Employment is expected to continue its downward trend while unemployment should remain at its high seasonal level during the next thirty days.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,303 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 365 applicants in jobs during June.

The consumer price index for May, 1987 for all urban consumers was 338.7 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 333.4 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.5	52.1	54.8	+ 0.4	- 2.3
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.1	5.0	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	2.0	+ 0.1	- 0.5
MINING	6.2	6.0	6.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	5.9	6.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	4.0	3.7	4.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.4	13.1	13.8	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.6	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Retail Trade	10.7	10.5	10.7	+ 0.2	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.3	8.3	8.6	0	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.8	11.0	- 0.4	- 0.6
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.3	10.5	- 0.4	- 0.6
State	2.8	3.3	2.6	- 0.5	+ 0.2
Local	7.1	7.0	7.9	+ 0.1	- 0.8

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in June moved up to 52,500, a level 400 above May. Gains in certain industries offset normal summer decreases in government employment.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,200 in June, an increase of 100 over the previous month. Durable goods showed no change over the previous month. Nondurable goods increased 100 due to seasonal increases in the food and kindred industry. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 800.

Mining showed an increase of 200. Water transportation moved up to the highest level in more than a year. Retail trade showed a gain spread through most segments. Wholesale trade edged up in nondurable goods. State government reflected normal summer downward adjustments in state colleges and universities. Construction remained on the same level. Services held steady. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no significant change.

Estimated unemployment in June moved down to 10,600, a level 900 below May. A decrease in the labor force was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 14.6 percent of the labor force compared to 15.7 percent in May and 18.5 percent in June of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 2,194.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall decrease. Local government is predicted to exhibit a further seasonal downturn in employment by the public schools. Mining and construction will probably add workers. Unemployment will likely decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(in Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.7	82.5	87.7	+ 0.2	- 5.0
MANUFACTURING	5.8	5.7	6.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.4	1.3	1.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
MINING	11.1	11.0	11.6	+ 0.1	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.0	3.7	+ 0.1	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.5	6.9	- 0.1	- 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	21.9	21.9	23.9	0	- 2.0
Wholesale Trade	4.9	4.9	5.4	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.4	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Retail Trade	17.0	17.0	18.5	0	- 1.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.2	0	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
Other Retail Trade	9.8	9.8	10.6	0	- 0.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.0	4.0	4.2	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.6	17.6	18.7	0	- 1.1
GOVERNMENT	12.8	12.8	12.7	0	+ 0.1
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	12.0	12.0	11.8	0	+ 0.2
State	5.0	5.0	4.2	0	+ 0.8
Local	7.0	7.0	7.6	0	- 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,700, an increase of 200 from the previous month and 5,000 below June of last year.

Manufacturing increased by 100 from May 1987. The increase was in the durable goods sector.

Mining showed an increase of 100 for June, but this estimate is 500 below the June 1986 figure.

Construction showed an increase of 100 from the previous month, but is still down by 600 from this time last year.

Other segments in the economy showed little or no change.

The unemployment rate for the next 30 days should decline as students return to school in August. Employment is expected to remain stable for the next thirty days.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.8	57.5	57.8	+ 1.3	+ 1.0
MANUFACTURING	10.4	10.3	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	0.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.0	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.0	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.3	7.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.9	5.0	5.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.8	3.6	3.8	+ 0.2	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.5	14.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.8	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.8	10.7	11.3	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.3	0	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	2.9	3.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	10.7	10.7	11.2	0	- 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.3	10.4	11.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.7	9.8	10.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
State	3.7	3.6	3.7	+ 0.1	0
Local	7.0	6.2	6.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,800 for June 1987. This estimate is 1,300 more than the May estimate and 1,000 more than June of last year.

The manufacturing sector continued to expand for the month of June, with an increase of 100 in the other durable goods sector. The manufacturing sector has increased 1,800 since June 1986.

Transportation and public utilities showed an increase of 200, but was unchanged from last year. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 200, but was down 400 since June 1986.

Government increased by 900 for the month of June. The increase was due to summer youth employed by local government.

Other sectors in the economy showed little or no change.

Employment should slowly increase over the next 30 days, while the unemployment rate should decrease as summer job seekers return to school in the next few months.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.1	54.7	56.0	+ 0.4	- 0.9
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.5	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
MINING	0.7	0.6	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.7	2.5	2.9	+ 0.2	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	14.8	15.2	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.1	11.1	11.4	0	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.8	3.3	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.3	1.2	- 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.3	3.4	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.6	4.5	4.6	+ 0.1	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.2	0	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.5	10.9	0	- 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	9.9	10.3	0	- 0.4
State	3.7	4.5	4.2	- 0.8	- 0.5
Local	6.2	5.4	6.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 400 to an estimated 55,100 during mid-June.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,200, was unchanged over the month.

Nonmanufacturing was up 400 over the month. Mining had a gain of 100 as it rose to an estimated 700. Transportation and public utilities, estimated at 2,700, was up 200. Finance, insurance and real estate experienced a gain of 100 to an estimated 4,600. Other segments were unchanged over the month except government, which reflected the completion of the spring semester at educational facilities and the hiring of youths for summer employment on public projects.

Over the next 30 days employment is expected to remain relatively stable as outside employment offsets planned lay-offs in trade and manufacturing. Unemployment will remain high, but may move down slightly.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	507.4	507.9	519.9	- 0.5	-12.5
MANUFACTURING	43.3	43.2	43.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	21.1	21.2	20.6	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.4	12.5	11.9	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.3	8.4	7.8	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	22.2	22.0	22.8	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	7.3	7.1	7.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.1	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.2	0	- 0.4
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	17.2	16.8	16.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	16.2	15.8	15.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	23.8	23.2	25.5	+ 0.6	- 1.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	41.5	41.4	42.9	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	11.0	10.9	12.6	+ 0.1	- 1.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.5	132.5	138.9	0	- 6.4
Wholesale Trade	31.8	31.5	33.7	+ 0.3	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.3	18.3	20.2	0	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.5	13.2	13.5	+ 0.3	0
Retail Trade	100.7	101.0	105.2	- 0.3	- 4.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	34.1	33.6	34.1	+ 0.5	0
Banking	7.3	7.2	7.3	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	130.8	132.6	131.7	- 1.8	- 0.9
GOVERNMENT	84.2	84.6	86.8	- 0.4	- 2.6
Federal	15.7	15.7	15.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	68.5	68.9	71.2	- 0.4	- 2.7
State	17.7	19.3	18.8	- 1.6	- 1.1
Local	50.8	49.6	52.4	+ 1.2	- 1.6

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$423.55	$436.81	$424.54	40.3	40.9	39.9	$10.51	$10.68	$10.64
Durable Goods	368.17	384.68	390.22	37.8	38.7	39.1	9.74	9.94	9.98
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	308.14	317.12	361.22	31.8	32.0	34.5	9.69	9.91	10.47
Fabricated Metal Products	419.73	457.70	409.20	44.7	46.0	40.0	9.39	9.95	10.23
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	346.68	373.23	379.05	36.0	37.7	38.6	9.63	9.90	9.82
Nondurable Goods	476.53	488.05	453.60	42.7	43.0	40.5	11.16	11.35	11.20
Food & Kindred Products	328.94	356.57	284.47	39.3	40.2	36.1	8.37	8.87	7.88
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	167.82	152.40	180.00	33.1	30.0	30.0	5.07	5.08	6.00
Paper & Allied Products	432.44	440.20	430.04	46.7	47.9	45.7	9.26	9.19	9.41
Printing & Publishing	376.32	345.14	359.10	42.0	39.4	37.8	8.96	8.76	9.50
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	696.59	753.42	677.38	44.2	49.6	44.8	15.76	15.19	15.12

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in June decreased to 507,400, down 500 from May. The largest changes were seasonal in nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 12,500 workers, with most industry divisions showing a decrease.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,300 in June, up 100 from the previous month. Durable goods showed a decrease of 100 over the previous month due to a decrease in business in the transportation equipment segment. Nondurable goods increased 200 over the previous month. Food and kindred products rose 200 due to a seasonal increase in seafood processing. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 100.

Services fell due to normal summer adjustments in private educational services. The hotel-motel industry showed a sizable decrease. In government, summer layoffs by state colleges and universities were partly offset by hires of summer workers in local government by city and parish administrative services. More favorably, mining moved up. Construction added workers in employment for building construction and special trade contractors. Water transportation edged up. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited gains mostly seasonal in nature. Wholesale trade increased mainly in nondurable goods. Retail trade showed decreases mainly in food stores and general merchandise stores.

Production workers in the area earned an average $423.55 a week in June, down $13.26 from last months average. Average weekly hours were down 36 minutes from the previous month, and average hourly earnings decreased $0.17 over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $0.99 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in June eased down to 56,100, a level 400 below May. Joblessness presently comprises 9.4 percent of the labor force compared to 9.6 percent in May and 11.4 percent in June of last year. The June rate was lower than the state rate of 11.2 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 14,063.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months will probably show an overall decrease. Local government is expected to exhibit a further seasonal downturn in employment by the public schools. Mining and construction will likely add workers. Unemployment is expected to decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1987*	May 1987**	June 1986**	Net Change From May 1987	Net Change From June 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.2	131.8	135.2	- 1.6	- 5.0
MANUFACTURING	18.4	18.3	19.0	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	13.2	13.0	13.5	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.7	7.7	8.2	0	- 0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.1	6.1	6.4	0	- 0.3
Other Durable Goods	5.0	4.8	4.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.3	5.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.8	0.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	3.2	3.2	3.6	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	7.7	7.9	7.7	- 0.2	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.9	8.1	8.4	- 0.2	- 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	29.7	29.6	32.5	+ 0.1	- 2.8
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.3	8.3	0	- 1.0
Retail Trade	22.4	22.3	24.2	+ 0.1	- 1.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.7	7.7	7.9	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	31.5	31.4	32.0	+ 0.1	- 0.5
GOVERNMENT	24.1	25.6	24.1	- 1.5	0
Federal	4.8	4.7	4.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	19.3	20.9	19.6	- 1.6	- 0.3
State	6.1	6.3	5.9	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	13.2	14.6	13.7	- 1.4	- 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**	June '87*	May '87**	June '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$446.22	$433.48	$441.69	38.6	38.6	39.9	$11.56	$11.23	$11.07
Lumber and Wood Products	270.66	264.22	227.17	40.7	40.4	38.7	6.65	6.54	5.87
Metals and Machinery	479.99	440.67	439.01	39.8	37.6	40.8	12.06	11.72	10.76
Food and Kindred Products	343.99	376.85	313.25	41.0	42.2	41.6	8.39	8.93	7.53
Printing and Publishing	317.58	326.33	283.98	31.6	32.6	30.8	10.05	10.01	9.22
Petroleum and Coal Products	539.35	604.67	523.71	40.1	50.6	45.5	13.45	11.95	11.51

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The total nonagricultural wage and salary employment for the Shreveport labor market area was estimated at 130,200 for June, down 1,600 from the revised May estimate and 5,000 less than June 1986. Manufacturing employment increased during June, while nonmanufacturing employment declined.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,400, shows a gain from the revised May estimate of 18,300, but remains 600 less than one year ago. Employment gains in the other durable goods segment resulted from increased production demands and the addition of summer workers.

The most significant change in nonmanufacturing occurred in government as public school payrolls adjusted to summer closings. Government employment dropped from 25,600 in May to 24,100 in June. Construction employment shows a decline from 7,900 to 7,700. Transportation and public utilities employment was reduced to 7,900, down from a revised May estimate of 8,100. Trade and services sectors both experienced employment gains in June. Employment in trade increased from 29,600 to 29,700, while services employment increased from 31,400 to 31,500.

The Shreveport labor market area has an estimated 13,400 production workers in manufacturing. These production workers had average weekly earnings of $446.22, up $12.74 from May and $4.53 more than in June 1986. The average weekly hours were 38.6, unchanged from the previous month and 1.3 hours less than a year ago. Average weekly earnings were $11.56, up from $11.23 last month and $11.07 in June 1986.

The civilian labor force for this area, estimated at 164,300, includes 147,700 employed and 16,600 unemployed. The unemployment rate for June was 10.1 percent.

This area should experience a gradual reduction in unemployment during the summer months. Employment will likely show only minimal improvement during the next two months.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JULY 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JUNE 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JULY 1986 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,960.0	1,750.1	209.9	10.7	1,963.6	1,741.9	221.7	11.3	1,995.3	1,716.8	278.5	14.0
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.7	56.1	5.6	9.1	62.2	56.5	5.7	9.1	60.9	54.0	6.9	11.3
Baton Rouge 2/	264.0	239.8	24.2	9.2	264.3	238.6	25.7	9.7	264.3	233.5	30.8	11.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	73.0	63.1	9.9	13.6	74.1	63.3	10.8	14.5	77.7	63.1	14.6	18.8
Lafayette 4/	100.9	89.7	11.2	11.1	101.2	89.1	12.1	12.0	108.0	91.1	16.9	15.7
Lake Charles 5/	77.5	68.4	9.1	11.7	77.8	68.0	9.8	12.7	76.5	64.7	11.8	15.4
Monroe 6/	70.8	64.4	6.4	9.1	70.6	64.0	6.6	9.4	70.4	63.5	6.9	9.9
New Orleans 7/	605.0	550.2	54.8	9.1	601.3	544.3	57.0	9.5	607.7	539.0	68.7	11.3
Shreveport 8/	164.4	148.1	16.3	9.9	164.6	147.8	16.8	10.2	168.4	148.2	20.2	12.0

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during July totaled 1,484,700, a decrease of 6,100 below the previous month and a decrease of 21,200 below the comparable period a year ago. The decrease in nonmanufacturing payrolls for the current month was centered in the government segment. Manufacturing payrolls were down for both the durable and nondurable goods segments.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, at 74,000, was 700 lower than in June. Less demand for concrete, gypsum and plaster products accounted for the decrease in stone, clay and glass products employment. More business for firms that manufacture farm and garden machinery, and construction and related machinery, was responsible for higher payrolls in the machinery, except electrical, industry. Employment in the electric and electronic equipment industry was lower as demand for electric lighting and wiring equipment decreased. Transportation equipment payrolls were down due to less business for the state's shipyards.

Total nondurable goods employment for July, at 92,900, was 600 below June's level, and it was 800 lower than July a year ago. The main force in this month's decrease of nondurable goods employment was a seasonal decline in food and kindred products due to decreased activity in seafood canning. Apparel and other textile products decreased by 100, while paper and allied products, petroleum and coal products and other nondurable goods each increased by 100.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries for July was 1,317,800, down 4,800 from June's revised level and 22,300 below the comparable period a year ago. Increased exploration for oil and gas resulted in higher mining payrolls for July. A slowdown in heavy construction contributed to the decrease in construction. More business for the state's ports contributed to gains in transportation and public utilities employment. Cutbacks in the other retail trade segment of retail trade were significant in the decrease for total trade employment. Finance, insurance and real estate fell by 100. Seasonal decreases in educational services employment resulted in lower payrolls for services this month. Government employment declined primarily as a result of a seasonal decrease in local education.

Average weekly earnings for Louisiana's 120,200 production workers in manufacturing increased from $449.53 in June to $450.05 in July, an increase of $0.52 and an increase of $4.28 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were $0.17 higher in July than last month and $0.26 more than July a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 41.1 for the current month, down by 0.6 hours from June's revised figure.

Estimated total unemployment in the state for July totaled 209,900, a decrease of 11,800 from the June revised level of 221,700. The unemployment rate for July was 10.7 percent, compared to 11.3 percent for June and 14.0 percent for July 1986. The national unemployment rate for July was 6.1 percent compared to 6.3 percent in June and 7.0 percent for July of last year. The state's civilian labor force moved from 1,963,600 in June to 1,960,000 in July, a decrease of 3,600. Total employment for Louisiana went from 1,741,900 in June to 1,750,100 in July, a gain of 8,200.

The state's unemployment rate is expected to remain fairly stable next month. State and local educational payrolls should increase as schools reopen for the fall semester. Manufacturing employment may fall slightly for August.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change from June 1987	Net Change from July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,484.7	1,490.8	1,505.9	- 6.1	-21.2
MINING	60.8	59.5	60.0	+ 1.3	+ 0.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	57.9	56.8	57.0	+ 1.1	+ 0.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.9	2.7	3.0	+ 0.2	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	83.1	84.1	90.8	- 1.0	- 7.7
MANUFACTURING	166.9	168.2	165.8	- 1.3	+ 1.1
Durable Goods	74.0	74.7	72.1	- 0.7	+ 1.9
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	12.0	12.6	0	- 0.6
Furniture and Fixtures	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.8	6.2	5.9	- 0.4	- 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	12.2	12.2	12.7	0	- 0.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	8.9	8.6	8.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.4	7.6	7.7	- 0.2	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	21.8	22.1	19.0	- 0.3	+ 2.8
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.0	2.1	2.0	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	92.9	93.5	93.7	- 0.6	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	20.7	21.5	21.2	- 0.8	- 0.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.0	8.1	7.5	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Paper & Allied Products	12.0	11.9	12.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.7	10.0	0	- 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.2	25.2	26.1	0	- 0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.7	12.6	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.8	11.7	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.6	4.5	4.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	107.9	107.4	108.2	+ 0.5	- 0.3
Railroad Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.7	0	- 0.3
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.7	60.3	60.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Water Transportation	25.1	24.6	24.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.8	41.7	42.4	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.4	18.5	19.0	- 0.1	- 0.6
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	23.4	23.2	23.4	+ 0.2	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	357.7	358.2	370.0	- 0.5	-12.3
Wholesale Trade	80.6	80.4	84.6	+ 0.2	- 4.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	43.8	43.7	47.9	+ 0.1	- 4.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.8	36.7	36.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	277.1	277.8	285.4	- 0.7	- 8.3
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.1	57.2	58.9	- 0.1	- 1.8
Food Stores	56.5	56.3	54.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.9	29.5	31.2	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Eating & Drinking Places	82.7	83.0	87.0	- 0.3	- 4.3
Other Retail Trade	50.9	51.8	53.5	- 0.9	- 2.6

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change from June 1987	Net Change from July 1986
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.7	84.8	86.3	- 0.1	- 1.6
Banking	25.8	25.8	26.9	0	- 1.1
SERVICES	315.7	315.8	316.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.1	22.9	22.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Personal Services	14.7	14.8	14.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Business Services	54.9	54.5	55.8	+ 0.4	- 0.9
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.7	10.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.8	6.8	0	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.3	9.9	10.6	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Health Services	98.3	97.5	96.9	+ 0.8	+ 1.4
Legal Services	15.5	15.4	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Educational Services	16.1	17.5	18.1	- 1.4	- 2.0
Social Services	17.8	18.2	17.7	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Membership Organizations	25.7	25.9	26.1	- 0.2	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	16.8	16.6	16.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	307.9	312.8	308.7	- 4.9	- 0.8
Federal	36.4	36.6	36.1	- 0.2	+ 0.3
State and Local	271.5	276.2	272.6	- 4.7	- 1.1
State	91.6	92.2	94.7	- 0.6	- 3.1
Local	179.9	184.0	177.9	- 4.1	+ 2.0

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$450.05	$449.53	$445.77	41.1	41.7	41.7	$10.95	$10.78	$10.69
Durable Goods	393.81	400.00	390.98	39.9	40.9	40.6	9.87	9.78	9.63
Lumber & Wood Products	348.93	352.94	338.40	42.5	43.2	42.3	8.21	8.17	8.00
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	370.64	328.52	384.87	40.2	38.2	40.9	9.22	8.60	9.41
Fabricated Metal Products	418.82	460.30	406.85	43.0	48.3	41.9	9.74	9.53	9.71
Machinery, ex. Electrical	409.60	412.13	384.96	42.8	43.2	40.1	9.57	9.54	9.60
Electric & Electronic Equip.	439.11	458.80	419.10	36.2	37.0	39.5	12.13	12.40	10.61
Transportation Equipment	401.87	406.62	438.29	36.5	37.1	39.7	11.01	10.96	11.04
Nondurable Goods	499.65	493.96	492.88	42.2	42.4	42.6	11.84	11.65	11.57
Food & Kindred Products	301.36	303.03	310.87	39.6	39.1	39.4	7.61	7.75	7.89
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	210.05	214.24	194.63	38.4	39.6	37.5	5.47	5.41	5.19
Paper & Allied Products	585.23	569.99	588.25	43.0	42.6	44.7	13.61	13.38	13.16
Printing & Publishing	399.17	385.50	392.27	39.6	38.9	38.8	10.08	9.91	10.11
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	697.80	698.14	673.65	45.4	45.6	45.0	15.37	15.31	14.97
Petroleum & Coal Products	695.83	664.44	698.02	46.7	45.2	47.1	14.90	14.70	14.82
Petroleum Refining	707.72	677.24	713.65	46.9	45.3	47.8	15.09	14.95	14.93
MINING	568.34	580.06	553.72	47.8	48.5	47.9	11.89	11.96	11.56
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	508.33	514.17	545.54	39.9	39.4	41.9	12.74	13.05	13.02
BANKING	256.96	255.15	274.18	37.9	38.6	38.4	6.78	6.61	7.14

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 120,200 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 94,800 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 07 87				REVISED 06 87			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,825	20,300	3,525	14.8	24,025	20,375	3,650	15.2
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,550	8,350	1,200	12.6	9,600	8,350	1,250	13.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,725	5,125	1,600	23.8	6,875	5,200	1,675	24.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,150	13,450	2,700	16.7	16,350	13,525	2,825	17.3
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,375	12,725	1,650	11.5	14,375	12,625	1,750	12.2
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,650	5,950	700	10.6	6,650	5,900	750	11.3
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,450	3,900	550	12.4	4,525	3,900	625	13.7
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,750	4,375	375	8.0	4,600	4,175	425	9.3
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,575	3,825	750	16.4	4,725	3,875	850	18.1
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,800	7,050	750	9.5	7,825	7,025	800	10.1
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,200	8,850	1,350	13.3	10,325	8,850	1,475	14.3
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,050	11,575	1,475	11.4	13,125	11,625	1,500	11.4
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,475	3,650	825	18.5	4,575	3,650	925	20.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,875	7,950	925	10.5	8,800	7,850	950	10.7
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,800	11,900	1,900	13.9	14,100	11,900	2,200	15.6
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,350	7,225	1,125	13.6	8,600	7,325	1,275	14.8
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,500	5,750	750	11.5	6,525	5,725	800	12.2
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	28,050	23,200	4,850	17.3	28,400	23,050	5,350	18.9
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,100	10,125	1,975	16.3	12,300	10,300	2,000	16.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,250	6,675	575	7.9	7,275	6,625	650	9.0
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	13,250	11,375	1,875	14.2	13,425	11,475	1,950	14.5
JENA (LASALLE)	6,825	6,125	700	10.2	6,875	6,075	800	11.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,425	16,500	925	5.3	17,300	16,425	875	5.1
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,050	5,050	1,000	16.6	6,050	5,075	975	16.2
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,525	11,000	1,525	12.1	12,675	11,075	1,600	12.7
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	17,300	15,725	1,575	9.1	17,400	15,750	1,650	9.5
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,675	8,550	1,125	11.6	9,775	8,550	1,225	12.5
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,825	6,450	1,375	17.5	7,925	6,500	1,425	18.0
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,425	4,025	400	9.2	4,450	4,000	450	9.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,850	7,700	1,150	13.1	8,900	7,675	1,225	13.8
MANY (SABINE)	10,025	9,125	900	9.0	10,050	9,075	975	9.7
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,975	2,575	400	13.3	3,050	2,625	425	13.9
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,600	7,250	1,350	15.6	8,675	7,300	1,375	15.7
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,175	28,500	5,675	16.6	35,100	28,950	6,150	17.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	25,900	20,825	5,075	19.6	26,350	21,025	5,325	20.2
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	40,250	35,025	5,225	13.0	40,025	34,625	5,400	13.5
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,500	3,175	325	9.2	3,600	3,250	350	9.8
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,325	7,425	900	10.7	8,425	7,450	975	11.6
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,200	17,725	3,475	16.4	21,475	17,700	3,775	17.6
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,925	18,325	1,600	8.0	19,800	18,100	1,700	8.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,450	16,325	2,125	11.5	18,550	16,300	2,250	12.2
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,975	16,575	2,400	12.7	19,000	16,525	2,475	13.1
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,700	3,850	850	18.0	4,950	3,875	1,075	21.7
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,250	3,850	400	9.4	4,250	3,825	425	10.0
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,800	5,300	500	8.8	5,850	5,225	625	10.8

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

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ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	46.0	45.3	- 0.5	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.7	2.8	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	11.1	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.8	8.9	8.5	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.2	2.3	2.2	- 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.1	11.0	- 0.1	0
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.1	12.6	12.1	- 0.5	0
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.6	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	9.3	9.8	9.5	- 0.5	- 0.2
State	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	- 0.2
Local	4.5	5.0	4.5	- 0.5	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,500 for the month of July. This estimate was 500 less than June and 200 more than July of last year.

Employment in manufacturing during July was estimated at 3,400. This was unchanged since the previous month and 100 more than July of last year. The increase since last year was in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,100 during July. This estimate was 500 less than June and 100 more than July of last year. The majority of this reduction was in local government, motivated by the annual reduction of personnel in education. Slight gains were recorded in construction and finance with corresponding losses occurring in services and retail trade. Compared to last July nonmanufacturing employment has experienced a slight overall increase. Gains were in retail trade and federal government with losses occurring in transportation and state government.

During the next thirty days, the number of employed and unemployed should remain relatively stable with little change in the unemployment rate.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	211.6	211.6	210.7	0	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	19.0	19.0	19.1	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.8	15.0	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.3	10.3	10.5	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	19.7	19.9	19.7	- 0.2	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.7	10.7	10.3	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.5	52.6	51.9	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.1	11.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.3	7.3	7.7	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	41.4	41.5	40.7	- 0.1	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.5	13.8	0	- 0.3
Banking	3.9	3.9	4.2	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	42.4	42.2	41.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	52.8	52.7	53.3	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	50.6	50.5	51.1	+ 0.1	- 0.5
State	29.0	29.0	29.2	0	- 0.2
Local	21.6	21.5	21.9	+ 0.1	- 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$512.93	$525.00	$509.23	41.6	42.0	41.2	$12.33	$12.50	$12.36
Petro-Chemicals	656.21	696.85	685.51	45.1	46.8	46.1	14.55	14.89	14.87

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 211,600 during July, was unchanged from the revised June total and 900 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,000 in July, remained steady during the current period; however, compared to the year-ago totals, there was a net loss of 100 jobs. Declines in fabricated metal products, printing and publishing, and chemicals and petroleum products were partially offset by increases in lumber and wood products, other durable goods, and in other nondurable goods.

Total nonmanufacturing employment, at 192,600, was unchanged during the current period. Construction employment declined due to less business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction. Retail trade was down due to less business in eating and drinking places. Services increased due to more business in hotels, motels, and tourist courts, in personnel supply services, and in hospitals. Government was up due to staff increases in local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,400 production workers in all manufacturing was $512.93, down $12.07 from the revised June average. Average weekly hours, at 41.6, were down 0.4 hours and average hourly earnings, at $12.33, were down $0.17 per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 239,800 during July, up 1,200 from June's revised estimate. Unemployment, at 24,200, was down 1,500 during the current period. The unemployment rate for July was 9.2 percent, compared to 9.7 percent for June and 11.7 percent for July a year ago. The Baton Rouge civilian labor force totaled 264,000 during the current period.

Employment is expected to show little change, while unemployment should start its seasonal decline during the next thirty days as unemployed summer workers withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 6,425 induviduals with new or renewal applications, and placed 1,742 applicants in jobs during July.

The consumer price index for June, 1987 for all urban consumers was 340.1 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 334.9 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	52.5	52.7	54.5	- 0.2	- 2.0
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.4	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	3.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
MINING	6.3	6.2	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	1.4	1.5	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
Water Transportation	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.6	13.4	14.1	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.7	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Retail Trade	11.0	10.7	11.1	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.4	3.1	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.4	8.4	8.4	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.0	10.5	10.7	- 0.5	- 0.7
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.5	10.0	10.2	- 0.5	- 0.7
State	2.6	2.9	2.6	- 0.3	0
Local	6.9	7.1	7.6	- 0.2	- 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in July tapered off to 52,500, a level 200 below June. Seasonal decreases in state and local government were mostly responsible.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500 in July, increasing 100 over the previous month. Durable goods went up 100 due to an increase in business in the machinery sector. Nondurable goods registered no change over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment decreased by 300.

State and local government reflected normal summer downward adjustments in educational services. Construction tapered off, and retail trade added workers in most industries. Mining showed a small gain. Transportation and public utilities showed no significant change. Services held steady. Finance, insurance and real estate remained on the same level.

Estimated unemployment in July moved down to 9,900, a level 900 below June. A decrease in the labor force was mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 13.6 percent of the labor force compared to 14.5 percent in June and 18.8 percent in July of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits numbered 2,010.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a small overall increase. State and local educational services will pull back up to normal levels as the autumn school term begins. Unemployment will likely decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 211,600 during July, was unchanged from the revised June total and 900 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,000 in July, remained steady during the current period; however, compared to the year-ago totals, there was a net loss of 100 jobs. Declines in fabricated metal products, printing and publishing, and chemicals and petroleum products were partially offset by increases in lumber and wood products, other durable goods, and in other nondurable goods.

Total nonmanufacturing employment, at 192,600, was unchanged during the current period. Construction employment declined due to less business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction. Retail trade was down due to less business in eating and drinking places. Services increased due to more business in hotels, motels, and tourist courts, in personnel supply services, and in hospitals. Government was up due to staff increases in local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,400 production workers in all manufacturing was $512.93, down $12.07 from the revised June average. Average weekly hours, at 41.6, were down 0.4 hours and average hourly earnings, at $12.33, were down $0.17 per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 239,800 during July, up 1,200 from June's revised estimate. Unemployment, at 24,200, was down 1,500 during the current period. The unemployment rate for July was 9.2 percent, compared to 9.7 percent for June and 11.7 percent for July a year ago. The Baton Rouge civilian labor force totaled 264,000 during the current period.

Employment is expected to show little change, while unemployment should start its seasonal decline during the next thirty days as unemployed summer workers withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 6,425 induviduals with new or renewal applications, and placed 1,742 applicants in jobs during July.

The consumer price index for June, 1987 for all urban consumers was 340.1 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 334.9 using base period 1967=100.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.4	82.2	86.2	+ 0.2	- 3.8
MANUFACTURING	5.7	5.8	5.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.6	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.4	4.3	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
MINING	11.0	11.2	11.0	- 0.2	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	3.0	3.9	+ 0.1	- 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.5	6.4	6.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.0	22.0	23.6	0	- 1.6
Wholesale Trade	4.9	4.9	5.3	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.3	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Retail Trade	17.1	17.1	18.3	0	- 1.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	3.2	0	- 0.4
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	9.8	9.8	10.4	0	- 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	4.1	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.6	17.7	18.7	- 0.1	- 1.1
GOVERNMENT	12.6	12.2	12.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.8	11.4	11.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
State	4.3	4.3	3.9	0	+ 0.4
Local	7.5	7.1	7.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,400 for July 1987. This estimate is 200 more than June's estimate but 3,800 less than July of last year.

The manufacturing sector showed a decrease of 100 from June's estimate and was 200 below July 1986.

Mining showed a decrease of 200 for July due primarily to a major oil company relocating personnel to other parts of the state.

Construction and transportation and public utilities both rose slightly from last month's estimate.

Government increased by 400 from the previous month due to summer youth employment by local government.

All other sectors showed little or no change for the month of July.

Employment should remain stable for the next 30 days. The unemployment rate should decrease as summer job seekers return to the classroom.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.3	59.0	57.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
MANUFACTURING	10.5	10.4	8.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	2.4	2.3	0.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.1	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.1	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.8	3.8	3.9	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.8	13.8	13.9	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Retail Trade	11.0	11.0	11.1	0	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	10.8	10.7	11.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.3	10.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	0.7	0.6	0.7	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	10.7	10.7	10.2	0	+ 0.5
State	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.0	6.6	0	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 59,300, an increase of 300 from the previous month and 1,700 above July of last year.

The manufacturing sector continues to expand for the fourth consecutive month with an increase of 100 in the other durable goods sector.

Services showed an increase of 100 from the previous month, but is still 200 below the July 1986 estimate.

Government showed a minimal increase for the month of July, but is 500 above last year's estimate due to summer youth employment.

All other sectors showed no change.

Retail trade for the next couple of months should increase due to back-to-school sales increasing employment in that sector. The unemployment rate should decrease as students and school employees return for the fall session.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.3	55.4	56.2	- 0.1	- 0.9
MANUFACTURING	7.0	7.2	7.4	- 0.2	- 0.4
Durable Goods	2.1	2.3	2.4	- 0.2	- 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	2.1	2.1	- 0.2	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.0	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	0.7	0.7	0.4	0	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	3.1	3.3	- 0.2	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.7	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.0	15.1	15.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.7	3.9	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.3	11.4	11.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.0	3.0	3.4	0	- 0.4
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.6	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.6	11.5	11.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.7	4.6	4.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.0	10.5	10.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.4	9.9	10.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
State	3.9	3.7	4.0	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Local	6.5	6.2	6.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 55,300, was down 100 from the June estimate of 55,400.

Manufacturing was down by 200 with the loss confined to nondurable goods.

Construction was down 200. Transportation and public utilities, wholesale and retail trade, and finance, insurance and real estate each showed nominal losses of 100. Services was up 100. Government, up 500, reflected the hiring of summer youths in special government projects. Mining was unchanged over the month.

Employment is expected to decline slightly or remain relatively stable as government special programs end and other outside activities are aided by favorable weather conditions. Unemployment is expected to remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	511.7	508.7	515.9	+ 3.0	- 4.2
MANUFACTURING	43.1	43.8	43.0	- 0.7	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	21.0	21.4	20.8	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Transportation Equipment	12.3	12.7	12.1	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.4	8.6	8.0	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	22.1	22.4	22.2	- 0.3	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.9	7.3	6.6	- 0.4	+ 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	3.8	3.8	4.1	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.7	4.7	4.9	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.4	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	17.3	17.0	16.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	16.3	16.0	15.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
CONSTRUCTION	23.9	24.0	25.9	- 0.1	- 2.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	42.6	42.2	43.5	+ 0.4	- 0.9
Railroad Transportation	1.7	1.7	1.9	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	11.9	11.5	12.3	+ 0.4	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.5	132.9	137.1	- 0.4	- 4.6
Wholesale Trade	31.6	32.0	33.3	- 0.4	- 1.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.2	18.4	19.7	- 0.2	- 1.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.4	13.6	13.6	- 0.2	- 0.2
Retail Trade	100.9	100.9	103.8	0	- 2.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.8	34.0	34.2	- 0.2	- 0.4
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	130.0	130.9	130.8	- 0.9	- 0.8
GOVERNMENT	88.5	83.9	85.4	+ 4.6	+ 3.1
Federal	15.6	15.5	15.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	72.9	68.4	69.9	+ 4.5	+ 3.0
State	17.9	17.6	19.1	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Local	55.0	50.8	50.8	+ 4.2	+ 4.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$432.89	$425.89	$444.29	40.8	40.6	41.1	$10.61	$10.49	$10.81
Durable Goods	376.11	372.24	400.20	38.3	38.1	40.1	9.82	9.77	9.98
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	317.49	300.08	359.63	32.2	31.0	36.4	9.86	9.68	9.88
Fabricated Metal Products	449.79	424.09	418.65	47.0	44.5	43.7	9.57	9.53	9.58
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	329.97	347.64	382.00	34.3	36.1	38.9	9.62	9.63	9.82
Nondurable Goods	486.60	478.16	485.83	43.1	43.0	42.1	11.29	11.12	11.54
Food & Kindred Products	332.86	331.93	305.16	40.2	39.8	36.9	8.28	8.34	8.27
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	173.73	175.08	185.72	33.8	33.8	30.8	5.14	5.18	6.03
Paper & Allied Products	433.24	432.44	459.11	45.7	46.7	46.8	9.48	9.26	9.81
Printing & Publishing	385.78	371.49	380.97	42.3	41.6	41.5	9.12	8.93	9.18
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	741.21	715.92	694.35	46.5	45.6	45.0	15.94	15.70	15.43

* Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in July increased to 511,700, a level 3,000 above June. Hires of summer workers by local government offset decreases elsewhere. Over the year, nonagricultural employment lost 4,200 workers. Trade, construction, services, and transportation and public utilities showed the largest decrease.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,100 in July, down 700 from the previous month. Durable goods showed a decrease of 400 over the previous month. The decrease was due to less business in the transportation and equipment segment and completion of government contracts in the ship and boatbuilding and repair segment. Nondurable goods decreased 300 over the previous month. Food and kindred products decreased 400 due to a decline in seafood processing. Other nondurable goods increased 100 due to an increase in business in this segment. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment increased by 100.

Local government was boosted by hires of temporary summer workers, which prevented an overall decrease in total employment. Both mining and water transportation added workers. Less favorably, construction eased down. Wholesale trade effected layoffs in both the durable goods and nondurable goods segments. Retail trade held steady. Services were lowered by normal summer downward adjustments in private educational services. Employment by insurance carriers tapered off.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $432.89 per week in July, up $7.00 from last months average. Average weekly hours went up 12 minutes from the previous month, and average hourly earnings went up $0.12 over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $11.40 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in July moved down to 54,800, a level of 2,200 below June. The increase in employment was mainly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.1 percent of the labor force compared to 9.5 percent in June and 11.3 percent in July of last year. The July rate was lower than the state rate of 10.7 percent. Recipients of regualr unemployment insurance benefits numbered 13,870.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months will probably show an overall decrease. Layoffs of workers hired temporarily for the summer will lower local government. An increase in both private and public educational services at the beginning of the autumn school term will probably offset most of this loss. Unemployment is expected to decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force to return to school.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1987*	June 1987**	July 1986**	Net Change From June 1987	Net Change From July 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	129.5	130.1	133.6	- 0.6	- 4.1
MANUFACTURING	18.1	18.5	19.1	- 0.4	- 1.0
Durable Goods	12.9	13.3	13.6	- 0.4	- 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.5	7.8	8.2	- 0.3	- 0.7
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.5	1.7	1.8	- 0.2	- 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.0	6.1	6.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Other Durable Goods	4.9	5.0	4.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.2	5.2	5.5	0	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.9	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	3.2	3.2	3.6	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	8.0	7.7	8.1	+ 0.3	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.9	7.9	8.5	0	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	29.7	29.6	31.6	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.3	7.7	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	22.4	22.3	23.9	+ 0.1	- 1.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.6	7.6	7.8	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	31.7	31.6	32.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	23.3	24.0	22.9	- 0.7	+ 0.4
Federal	4.7	4.8	4.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	18.6	19.2	18.4	- 0.6	+ 0.2
State	6.0	6.0	6.2	0	- 0.2
Local	12.6	13.2	12.2	- 0.6	+ 0.4

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**	July '87*	June '87**	July '86**
All MANUFACTURING	$441.52	$448.13	$430.45	38.9	38.9	39.6	$11.35	$11.52	$10.87
Lumber and Wood Products	266.56	270.66	279.91	38.8	40.7	42.8	6.87	6.65	6.54
Metals and Machinery	457.08	479.99	383.77	39.0	39.8	39.2	11.72	12.06	9.79
Food and Kindred Products	308.90	343.99	306.68	39.4	41.0	41.0	7.84	8.39	7.48
Printing and Publishing	310.53	304.33	292.67	33.0	31.9	32.7	9.41	9.54	8.95
Petroleum and Coal Products	577.36	572.36	519.72	46.3	44.3	42.6	12.47	12.92	12.20

*Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment for the Shreveport labor market area dropped to 129,500, down from the revised June estimate of 130,100 and the year-ago estimate of 133,600. Employment losses occurred in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries during the past month.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,100, decreased from the revised June estimate of 18,500. These job losses indicate a general decline in the manufacturing of durable goods. Instrumental in this decrease were losses in the primary and fabricated metal products segment.

Construction employment increased from 7,700 in June to 8,000 in July. Additional small gains occurred in trade, from 22,300 to 22,400. Services employment changed only slightly from 31,600 to 31,700. Government employment continues to show a seasonal decline due to local and state schools closing for the summer. Local government employment dropped from 13,200 in June to 12,600 in July.

This area had 13,500 production workers with average weekly earnings of $441.52, down $6.61 from the June average. Average weekly hours of 38.9 are unchanged from the previous month, while the average hourly earnings fell slightly to $11.35, only $0.17 less than in June, 1987.

The civilian labor force for this labor market area, estimated at 164,400, is comprised of 148,100 employed and 16,300 unemployed. The July unemployment rate was 9.9 percent.

No significant changes are expected in this area during the next month. Total nonagricultural employment and unemployment will remain near the current level.

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